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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 2 has been amended to recite the reference numeral for the movable wall lifting port "16". Therefore, please replace this drawing sheet for the original drawing sheet.

Attachment: Replacement Drawing Sheet for Fig. 2

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REMARKS

By this amendment, the specification has been editorially amended, Fig. 2 has been amended, claims 12 and 16 have been cancelled and claims 1-2, 6, 8, 13-14 and 17 have been amended in the application. Currently, claims 1-11 and 13-15 and 17-26 are pending in the application.

The indication that claims 12, 16 and 20 contain allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation. By this amendment, allowable claim 12 has been cancelled and the subject matter of allowable claim 12 has been incorporated into independent claim 1. Also, allowable claim 16 has been cancelled and the subject matter of allowable claim 16 has been incorporated into independent claim 14.

The Examiner stated that the drawings were objected to because Fig. 2 failed to show the movable wall lifting port 16 as described in the specification on page 10, line 23. By this amendment, Fig. 2 has been amended to include the reference numeral for the movable wall lifting port "16" as requested by the Examiner. It is respectfully requested that this amended drawing be approved and this drawing objection be withdrawn.

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The abstract was objected to because the abstract exceeded more than 150 words. By this amendment, the number of words in the abstract has been reduced to less than 150 words.

The abstract was also objected to because the word "comprising" appeared in line 1 of the abstract. By this amendment, the word "comprising" has been deleted from the abstract. Therefore, applicants respectfully submit that the abstract is now proper and these objections should be withdrawn.

The specification was objected to because of several informalities: 1) By this amendment, the word "accompanying" on page 1, line 11 of the specification has been amended to "accompanied" as suggested by the Examiner.

2) By this amendment, the word "accompaning" on page 2, line 21 of the specification has been amended to "accompanying the" as suggested by the Examiner.

3) By this amendment, the word "be" after "also" on page 3, line 6 of the specification has been added as suggested by the Examiner.

4) By this amendment, the phrase "wall 14" on page 14, line 8 of the specification has been amended to "wall 15" as suggested by the Examiner. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that

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these objections be withdrawn in view of the amendments to the specification.

Claims 1-26 were objected to because of the following informalities: 1) in claim 1, line 6 and line 11, in claim 2, line 5, in claim 6, line 6 and in claim 8, line 6, the Examiner suggested that applicants add the word "said" in front of "both". By this amendment, the word "said" in front of "both" has been added in claim 1, lines 6 and 11, in claim 2, line 5, in claim 6, line 6 and in claim 8, line 6 as suggested by the Examiner.

2) In claim 2, lines 1-2 and claim 17, line 2, the Examiner suggested that applicants change "being bonded of said objects" to "of said objects being bonded" in order to maintain consistency. By this amendment, the phrase "being bonded of said objects" has been amended to "of said objects being bonded" in claim 2, lines 1-2 and claim 17, line 2 as suggested by the Examiner.

3) In claim 14, lines 2, 4 and 6, the Examiner suggested that applicant add the word "both" in front of "objects" in order to maintain consistency. By this amendment, the word "both" in front of "objects" has been added in claim 14, lines 2 and 4 as suggested by the Examiner. Applicants note that the word "both" in front of "objects" in claim 14, line 6 was already included

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but applicants have included "said" for consistency. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that these claim objections should be withdrawn.

Claim 13 was rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner stated that it is unclear which "one object" and which "other object" was being pressed. By this amendment, claim 13 has been amended to recite "a first object on said object holding means is pressed to a second object". It is respectfully submitted that this rejection has been overcome by this amendment and this rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 11 and 14-15 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Hoshi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,129,827). Also, claims 2-5, 8-10, 17-19, 23-24 and 26 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Hoshi et al. in view of Suga et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0168145). Also, claims 21-22 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Hoshi et al. in view of Suga et al. and further in view of Sato et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0042161). Further, claims 6-7 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Hoshi et al. in view of Sato et al.

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Further, claims 25 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Hoshi et al. in view of Suga et al.

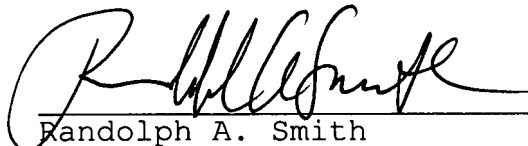
By this amendment, independent claim 1 has been amended to include all of limitations of allowable claim 12. Also, independent claim 14 has been amended to include all of limitations of claim 16.

Therefore, in view of foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-11 and 13-15 and 17-26 are allowable over the prior art of record. Thus, applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance and an action to this effect is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions or concerns regarding this amendment or the remarks, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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